

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 3 and 24 as follows (a marked-up version of these claims showing deletions in brackets and additions underlined is attached hereto).

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3. (Rewritten) The vehicle of claim 1, wherein at least one of said sensor systems includes an RFID response unit, further comprising at least one RFID interrogator device, said at least one interrogator device causing said RFID response units of said at least one sensor system to transmit a signal representative of the measurement of said at least one sensor system to said processor.

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24. (Rewritten) The method of claim 19, wherein the at least one part is an occupant restraint device, the step of controlling the at least one part comprising the steps of controlling the system in an attempt to minimize injury to an occupant in the event of a crash.

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the present application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-62 are pending in this application.

Claims 3 and 24 have been amended for clarification purposes. In the absence of prior art rejections of claim 3 and 24, none of the changes should be deemed to relate to patentability.

Claims 1-62 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-27 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,175,787.

Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the term of U.S. Pat. No. 6,175,787. The appropriate fee for submission of a Terminal Disclaimer is to be charged to the current assignee's Deposit Account. Submission of the Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection should not be construed as agreement with the Examiner's position and in fact, the applicant disagrees with the rejection, but the applicant is submitting the Terminal Disclaimer to expedite an allowance of the application.

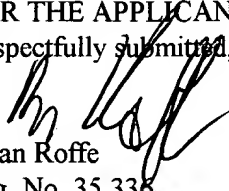
In view of the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, the double patenting rejection has been overcome and should be removed and it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner should determine that minor changes to the claims to obviate informalities are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 has been amended as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/137,918 filed Aug. 20, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,175,787, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/476,077 filed Jun. 7, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,809,437.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3 and 24 as follows.

3. (Amended) The vehicle of claim 1, wherein at least one of said sensor systems includes an RFID response unit, further comprising at least one RFID interrogator device, said at least one interrogator device causing said RFID response units of said at least one sensor [systems] system to transmit a signal representative of the measurement of said at least one sensor [systems] system to said processor.

24. (Amended) The method of claim [15] 19, wherein the at least one part is an occupant restraint device, the step of controlling the at least one part comprising the steps of controlling the system in an attempt to minimize injury to an occupant in the event of a crash.